THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 22nd July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Opening of a first-grade college for women at Cannanore.

* 790 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received the copies of two resolutions adopted by the Kerala Mahila Samajam, Cannanore, on 9th December 1952 requesting the Government to open a first-grade college for women at Cannanore; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes. In view of the opening of an aided Second-grade Arts College at Kozhikode, by the management of the Providence High School, Kozhikode, and in view of the difficult financial position of the State, the proposal was deferred. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Question No. 275 on 4th December 1952."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that so many girl students are compelled to stop their studies for want of a college in Cannanore and suburbs and in view of the fact that it is very difficult to get admission in the Colleges and in view of the fact that the Municipal High School Parents' Association has promised to collect one lakh of rupees for the purpose of starting a College in Cannanore, will the Government be pleased to reconsider this question? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Parents' Association, Cannanore, had made an offer and wanted a college to be started before the present Second-grade Arts College was started by the management of the Providence High School. In view of the starting of this college, the question of starting a Government College has been deferred and girls are also admitted in the boys' colleges. But as the hon. Members know there is an overall increase in the demand for colleges, and the question will be taken up for consideration when the financial position improves."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since there are very few First-grade Colleges in Malabar, is it not in the public interest that the Mahilas are not selfish enough to ask for the starting of a College for themselves? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I agree with the hon. Member but the financial conditions do not permit the starting of a College just now."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In answering the question, the Hon. Minister said that there is a girls' college at Kozhikode and in view of that, the opening of a new college at Cannanore is not possible. Is it not a fact that Kozhikode is in South Malabar and Cannanore is in North Malabar, more than 100 miles away, and it will not be possible for the girls of North Malabar to utilize the concession given in Kozhikode? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not convinced that Malabar is educationally backward either in the elementary education stage or in the collegiate stage. There are six colleges in one district of Malabar and it would be difficult to open more."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Malabar being a separate cultural national entity, will the Government consider the question of opening a college very soon? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have stated, Sir, that with the improvement of the financial position, this proposal will be taken up."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" In my question I did not say that Malabar is educationally backward. As far as education is concerned, Kozhikode is in South Malabar and in view of the fact that thousands of girls have completed their education and are not able to get collegiate education, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to reconsider this question? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have conceded that there is increasing demand for colleges both for boys and girls so far as Malabar is concerned."

Roads for Harijans in Wandiwash.

* 794 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether any roads have been formed for Harijans since 1950 in Wandiwash?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Lands for the formation of a road from the cheri to the main village of Kilvillivalam, Wandiwash taluk, have been acquired during the year 1951. Instructions have been issued to the Collector of North Arcot to take up the work during the current year as early as possible."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" In view of the fact that the Harijan Welfare Department finds it very difficult for want of finance to provide the cheris with roads and other facilities, will the Government be pleased either to increase the Harijan Welfare Fund or instruct the other Departments to take interest for providing the cheri people with roads and other facilities? "